

The Knapp and Papermill nature reserve



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Purple hairstreak butterfly

Tor Coppice is split into two by a raised ridge and ancient holloway, which probably once carried supplies to Papermill Cottage and its mill from Alfrick and beyond. One half of the woodland lies on sandstone where oak, bracken and bramble thrive. The other is on limestone, which supports large-leaved lime, wild service and spurge laurel.



Nuthatch

There are a number of hazel coppice plots on the west-facing side of the wood, which are cut every 12-20 years. These provide habitat for hazel dormice, which move between the tree canopy, hazel understorey and flowering bramble edges looking for food.

A number of bat species also live in the wood, such as brown long-eared and barbastelle bats. You'll notice different types of bat box as you walk through the wood – some are designed to accommodate large maternity roosts of bats and others just an overnight visitor passing through!



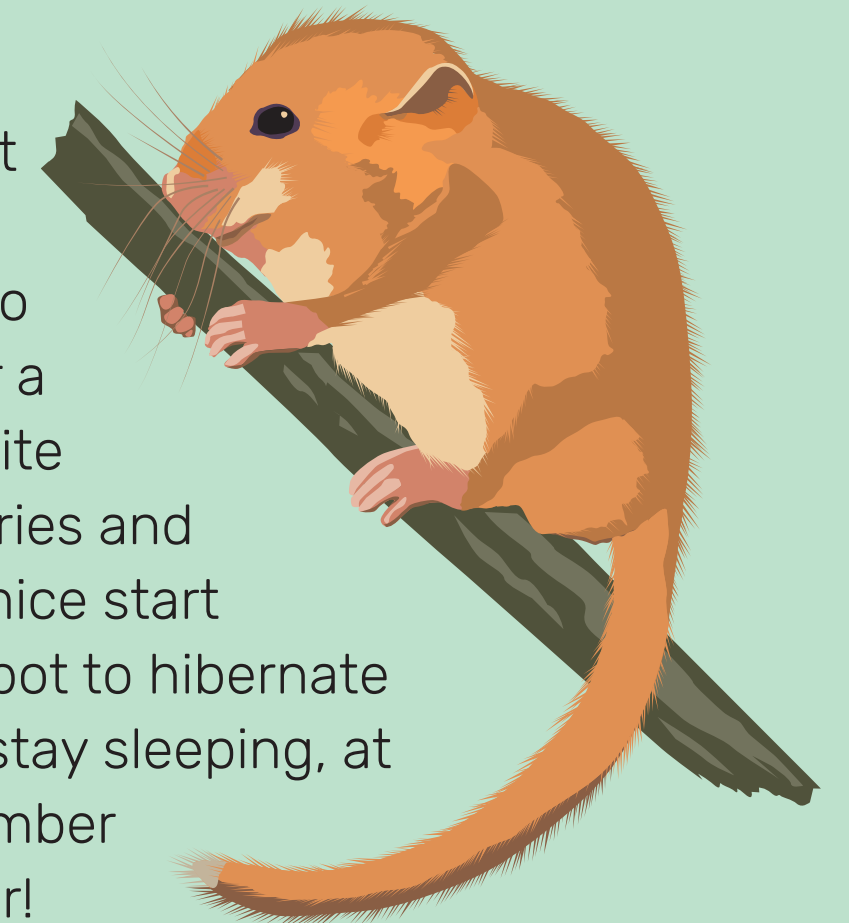
Bluebell

Did you know?

Coppicing is the practice of cutting the stems of a tree to the base every few years, allowing new shoots to grow and providing a crop of wood. For thousands of years, hazel poles have been used to make fencing, hurdles, screens, bean poles and much more.

Star species

Dormice are barely ever seen as they spend most of the day asleep! At night they climb high into the trees on the hunt for a tasty snack. Their favourite foods are hazelnuts, berries and insects. In autumn, dormice start looking for the perfect spot to hibernate for winter and they can stay sleeping, at ground level, from November to May if it's a cold winter!



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